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FRANCE-IRAQ: Aircraft for Baghdad

French officials have announced the sale to Iraq of 24 more Mirage F1 fighters equipped with Exocet missiles. Press reports indicate that payment will be in cash, rather than oil barter arrangements. The press estimates the value of the deal at around \$1.73 billion—although this could include both the new equipment and payment for arms already delivered. The aircraft reportedly will be delivered over the next 18 months.

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